

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1. A method of downloading content from a server to an electronic device, comprising:
2. storing authentication data on a removable memory, wherein the authentication data
3. includes a predetermined level of content access;
4. accessing the server with the electronic device;
5. authenticating the removable memory by reading the authentication data from the
6. removable memory; and
7. downloading the content from the server to the removable memory according to the
8. predetermined level of content access.

1. 2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the authenticating is performed by the server.

1. 3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the removable memory is a semiconductor
2. memory.

1. 4. The method according to claim 1 further comprising time stamping the authentication
2. data, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a predetermined
3. amount of time.

1. 5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the server is accessed through a wired internet
2. connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a conduit and a
3. personal computer.

1. 6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the server is accessed through a wireless
2. connection.

1. 7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the wireless connection includes an internet
2. connection.

- 1 8. The method according to claim 6 wherein the wireless connection includes a local area
2 network.

- 1 9. The method according to claim 6 wherein the wireless connection includes a wide area
2 network.

- 1 10. A system for downloading content from a server to an electronic device, comprising:
2 means for storing authentication data on a removable memory, wherein the authentication
3 data includes a predetermined level of content access;
4 means for receiving the removable memory in the electronic device;
5 means for accessing the server with the electronic device;
6 means for authenticating the removable memory by reading the authentication data from
7 the removable memory; and
8 means for downloading the content from the server to the removable memory according
9 to the predetermined level of content access.

- 1 11. The system according to claim 10 wherein the means for authenticating is included within
2 the server.

- 1 12. The system according to claim 10 wherein the removable memory is a semiconductor
2 memory.

- 1 13. The system according to claim 10 wherein the authentication data also includes a time
2 stamp, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a
3 predetermined amount of time.

- 1 14. The system according to claim 10 wherein the means for accessing accesses the server
2 through a wired internet connection, further wherein the wired internet connection
3 includes a conduit and a personal computer.

- 1 15. The system according to claim 10 wherein the means for accessing accesses the server
2 through a wireless connection.

- 1 16. The system according to claim 15 wherein the wireless connection includes an internet
2 connection.
- 1 17. The system according to claim 15 wherein the wireless connection includes a local area
2 network.
- 1 18. The system according to claim 15 wherein the wireless connection includes a wide area
2 network.
- 1 19. A system for downloading content, comprising:
2 a removable memory, the removable memory including authentication data, the
3 authentication data including a predetermined level of content access;
4 an electronic device configured to receive the removable memory; and
5 a server, wherein when the electronic device accesses the server, the removable memory
6 is authenticated by reading the authentication data from the removable memory, and further
7 wherein once authenticated, content according to the predetermined level of content
8 access is downloaded from the server to the electronic device.
- 1 20. The system according to claim 19 wherein the server performs the authentication of the
2 removable memory.
- 1 21. The system according to claim 19 wherein the removable memory is a semiconductor
2 memory.
- 1 22. The system according to claim 19 wherein the authentication data is time stamped, such
2 that the predetermined level of content access is available for a predetermined amount of
3 time.
- 1 23. The system according to claim 19 wherein the server is accessed through a wired internet
2 connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a conduit and a
3 personal computer.

- 1 24. The system according to claim 19 wherein the server is accessed through a wireless
2 connection.
- 1 25. The system according to claim 24 wherein the wireless connection includes an internet
2 connection.
- 1 26. The system according to claim 24 wherein the wireless connection includes a local area
2 network.
- 1 27. The system according to claim 24 wherein the wireless connection includes a wide area
2 network.
- 1 28. An electronic device for downloading, comprising:
2 a memory slot configured to receive a removable memory, wherein the removable
3 memory includes authentication data, the authentication data including a predetermined level of
4 content access; and
5 a communications interface configured for coupling to a server, wherein when the
6 electronic device accesses the server through the communications interface, the removable
7 memory is authenticated by reading the authentication data from the removable memory,
8 further wherein content according to the predetermined level of content access is
9 downloaded.
- 1 29. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the server performs the
2 authentication of the removable memory.
- 1 30. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the removable memory is a
2 semiconductor memory.
- 1 31. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the authentication data is time
2 stamped, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a
3 predetermined amount of time.

- 1 32. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the communications interface is a
2 wired internet connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a
3 conduit and a personal computer.

- 1 33. The electronic device according to claim 28 wherein the communications interface is a
2 wireless connection, the wireless connection including an internet connection.

- 1 34. The electronic device according to claim 33 wherein the wireless connection includes a
2 local area network.

- 1 35. The electronic device according to claim 33 wherein the wireless connection includes a
2 wide area network.

- 1 36. A removable memory for downloading, comprising:
2 authentication data, the authentication data including a predetermined level of content
3 access; and
4 a communications interface configured for coupling to a server, wherein when an
5 electronic device accesses the server through the communications interface, the removable
6 memory is authenticated by reading the authentication data from the removable memory, further
7 wherein the electronic device includes a memory slot configured to receive the removable
8 memory, and further
9 wherein content according to the predetermined level of content access is downloaded.

- 1 37. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the server performs the
2 authentication of the removable memory.

- 1 38. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the removable memory is a
2 semiconductor memory.

- 1 39. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the authentication data is time
2 stamped, such that the predetermined level of content access is available for a
3 predetermined amount of time.

- 1 40. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the communications interface is a
- 2 wired internet connection, further wherein the wired internet connection includes a
- 3 conduit and a personal computer.

- 1 41. The removable memory according to claim 36 wherein the communications interface is a
- 2 wireless connection, the wireless connection including an internet connection.

- 1 42. The removable memory according to claim 41 wherein the wireless connection includes a
- 2 local area network.

- 1 43. The removable memory according to claim 41 wherein the wireless connection includes a
- 2 wide area network.